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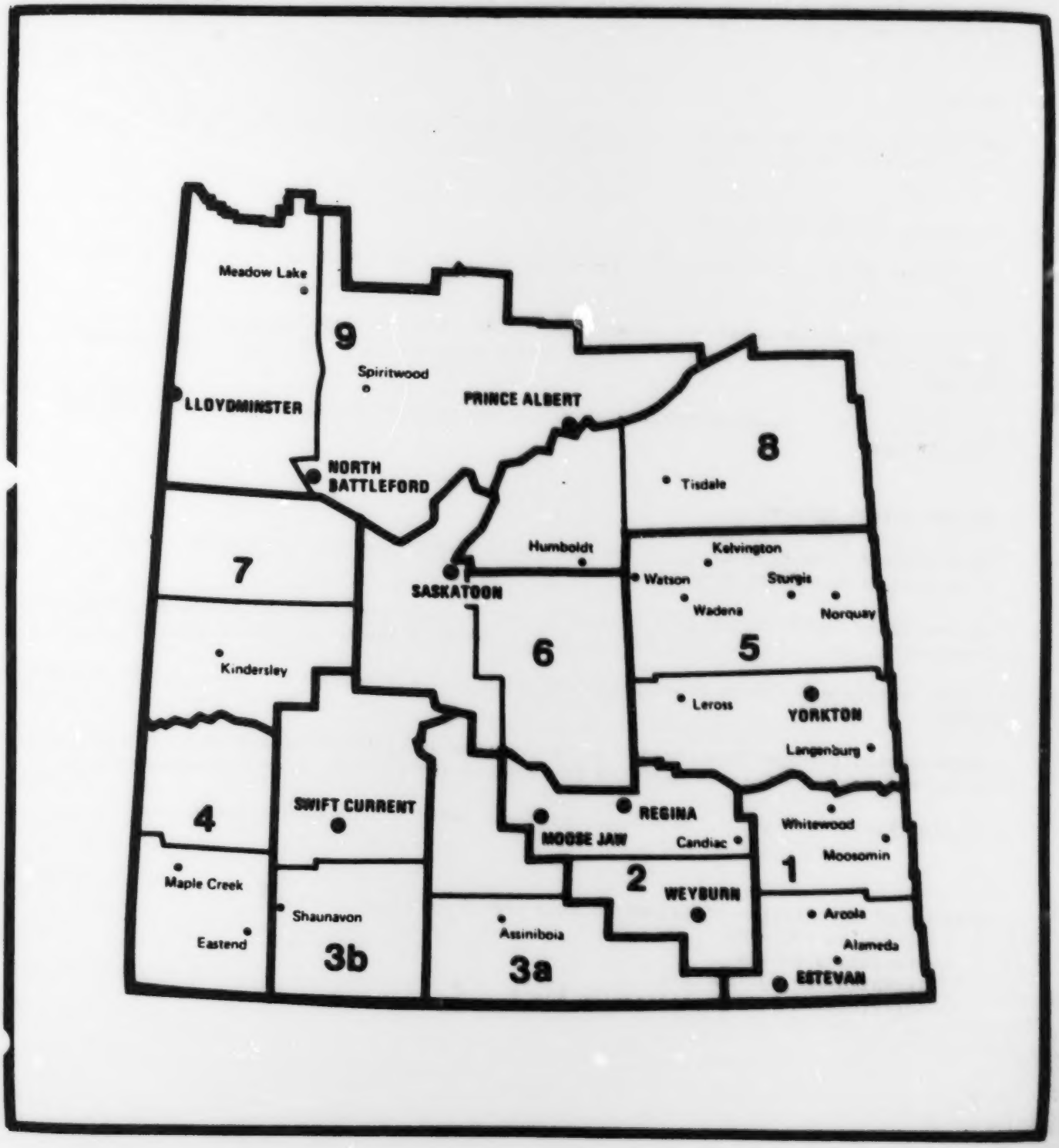

1985

Price

The Saskatchewan Beef Stabilization Board railgrade price for A1,2 Steers in Saskatchewan averaged $131.77 per cwt. during 1985 - $3.39 per cwt. lower than the 1984 average of $135.16 per cwt.

The 1985 average price for 600-700 lb. Graded Feeder Steers was $83.55 per cwt., up $1.76 per cwt. from the 1984 average of $81.79 per cwt.

Marketings

Marketings of cattle and calves through Saskatchewan auction markets, packing plants and abattoirs decreased 6 percent to 1 080 410 head.

Slaughter Cattle Marketings

The number of cattle marketed for slaughter during 1985 decreased 6 percent to 421 980 head.

Of the 421 980 head marketed for slaughter, 274 440 head were slaughtered in Saskatchewan. In 1984, Saskatchewan plants slaughtered 271 760 head of cattle and calves.

The number of cattle slaughtered outside the province declined 17 percent in 1985 to 147 540 head.

Feeder Cattle Marketings

Saskatchewan producers marketed 658 430 feeder cattle and calves in 1985 - down 6 percent from 1984 marketings.

Of the total feeder marketings, 234 870 head (36 percent) remained in the province compared to 235 250 head in 1984 (34 percent of 1984 feeder cattle marketings).

Feeder cattle exports to other provinces and the U.S.A. decreased 9 percent to 423 560 head.

Interprovincial exports of feeder cattle to Alberta declined 48 810 head (24 percent), while shipments to Ontario declined 25 990 head (12 percent) from 1984 shipments.

International exports to the U.S.A. increased sevenfold to 42 650 head.

Sources of information contained in this report include:

- Agriculture Canada
- Statistics Canada
- Saskatchewan Agriculture
- Saskatchewan Beef Stabilization Board

Table 1 Saskatchewan Cattle Marketings, 1984-85

Slaughter Cattle	1985	1984	% 85/84
steers	150 720	183 390	82
heifers	98 240	104 330	94
cows	141 500	136 270	104
bulls	28 890	22 730	127
calves	2 630	3 220	82
total	421 980	449 940	94
Feeder Cattle			
steers	365 100	388 560	94
over 800 lbs.	47 900	51 860	92
600 - 800 lbs.	113 280	121 920	93
under 600 lbs.	203 920	214 780	95
heifers	270 380	284 430	95
over 700 lbs.	47 870	45 360	106
500 - 700 lbs.	119 300	119 460	100
under 500 lbs.	103 210	119 610	86
cows	18 310	22 560	81
bulls	4 640	5 740	81
total	658 430	701 290	94
Total Cattle and Calves	**1 080 410**	**1 151 230**	**94**

Table 2 Origin of Cattle Marketed, Saskatchewan, 1984-85

crop district	steers	heifers	cows	bulls	calves	unspec. cattle	total 1985	total 1984
1a	20 820	16 400	8 800	1 650	1 480	1 600	50 750	56 580
1b	24 290	18 980	8 770	2 060	1 760	520	56 380	62 410
2a	9 630	7 740	4 950	960	1 380	210	24 870	30 480
2b	18 440	16 920	7 400	1 710	2 890	360	47 720	49 940
3as	19 040	16 590	11 240	1 930	13 780	1 690	64 270	76 640
3an	9 490	7 470	6 300	1 010	6 760	720	31 750	36 990
3bs	14 410	10 750	7 510	960	4 710	1 450	39 790	46 130
3bn	16 040	13 690	8 740	1 400	7 010	1 900	48 780	55 450
4a	29 200	23 620	12 820	1 530	9 350	1 290	77 810	87 520
4b	12 910	10 930	6 270	860	5 050	870	36 890	40 190
5a	33 200	25 400	11 180	2 830	1 650	1 320	75 580	79 560
5b	27 070	18 620	10 570	2 030	2 100	700	61 090	63 620
6a	29 560	18 390	7 270	2 100	2 350	540	60 210	65 790
6b	24 300	19 260	10 900	2 370	6 140	910	63 880	60 950
7a	10 230	7 660	3 540	840	4 370	1 210	27 850	31 150
7b	16 090	10 670	7 830	1 200	7 490	2 020	45 300	51 380
8a	11 350	7 480	4 250	830	930	120	24 960	26 960
8b	11 660	7 740	4 220	1 020	840	220	25 700	27 270
9a	38 090	28 630	14 440	2 440	3 810	600	88 010	89 900
9b	42 330	28 140	14 990	3 320	13 830	2 560	105 170	106 800
Saskatchewan	**418 150**	**315 080**	**171 990**	**33 050**	**97 680**	**20 810**	**1 056 760**	**1 145 710**
Other Prov.	8 590	2 160	10 370	2 140	390	-	23 650	5 520
total - 1985	**426 740**	**317 240**	**182 360**	**35 190**	**98 070**	**20 810**	**1 080 410**	
- 1984	**482 870**	**340 410**	**170 950**	**35 780**	**97 110**	**24 110**		**1 151 230**

Table 3 Destination of Saskatchewan Cattle Marketed, 1984-85

	number of slaughter cattle		number of feeder cattle	
Destination	**1985**	**1984**	**1985**	**1984**
Saskatchewan	**274 440**	**271 760**	**234 870**	**235 250**
Exports	147 540	178 180	423 560	466 040
Alberta	13 350	20 890	150 200	199 010
Manitoba	112 480	113 890	22 340	25 620
Ontario	3 310	17 000	197 630	223 620
Other Prov.	380	630	10 740	11 660
U.S.A.	18 020	25 770	42 650	6 130
Total	421 980	449 940	658 430	701 290

Table 4 Destination of Saskatchewan Cattle Marketed for Slaughter, 1984-85

	total slaughter		bulls		cows	
Destination	**1985**	**1984**	**1985**	**1984**	**1985**	**1984**
Saskatchewan	**274 440**	**271 760**	**15 090**	**10 860**	**94 510**	**85 430**
Exports	147 540	178 180	13 800	11 870	46 990	50 840
Alberta	13 350	20 890	660	620	4 880	6 470
Manitoba	112 480	113 890	5 020	4 910	32 370	27 520
Ontario	3 310	17 000	80	50	320	1 360
Other Prov.	380	630	-	150	-	200
U.S.A.	18 020	25 770	8 040	6 140	9 420	15 290
Total	421 980	449 940	28 890	22 730	141 500	136 270

	steers		heifers		calves	
Destination	**1985**	**1984**	**1985**	**1984**	**1985**	**1984**
Saskatchewan	**99 910**	**107 150**	**63 540**	**66 810**	**1 390**	**1 510**
Exports	50 810	76 240	34 700	37 520	1 240	1 710
Alberta	4 180	8 700	3 610	4 750	20	350
Manitoba	45 270	54 930	29 190	25 660	630	870
Ontario	940	9 130	1 420	5 970	550	490
Other Prov.	110	30	270	250	-	-
U.S.A.	310	3 450	210	890	40	-
Total	150 720	183 390	98 240	104 330	2 630	3 220

Table 6 Saskatchewan Cattle Marketed for Slaughter, Monthly, 1984-85

	total slaughter		bulls		cows	
	1985	1984	1985	1984	1985	1984
January	40 920	36 400	1 480	1 580	17 190	11 640
February	33 290	34 960	1 320	1 410	12 290	11 340
March	36 810	37 400	1 580	1 350	11 680	10 950
April	25 800	28 210	1 800	2 290	8 300	7 920
May	27 430	31 540	1 530	1 670	8 230	8 510
June	37 700	44 740	1 990	1 810	10 780	11 760
July	35 850	39 650	2 490	2 450	10 150	10 420
August	34 160	38 060	2 850	1 940	8 080	8 010
September	37 980	47 110	2 580	2 400	9 040	11 430
October	32 310	37 350	2 660	2 390	13 000	14 160
November	33 510	37 940	2 360	2 220	14 910	15 420
December	46 220	36 580	6 250	1 220	17 850	14 710
Year	421 980	449 940	28 890	22 730	141 500	136 270

	steers		heifers		calves	
	1985	1984	1985	1984	1985	1984
January	12 130	13 880	9 910	9 080	210	220
February	10 750	13 510	8 740	8 550	190	150
March	14 080	16 310	9 270	8 530	200	260
April	10 020	11 390	5 560	6 360	120	250
May	10 350	12 330	7 150	8 830	170	200
June	14 610	19 560	10 200	11 400	120	210
July	14 130	17 040	8 770	9 500	310	240
August	14 780	18 270	8 230	9 620	220	220
September	17 500	22 160	8 600	10 930	260	190
October	10 570	13 610	5 850	6 810	230	380
November	9 480	12 480	6 450	7 100	310	640
December	12 320	12 850	9 510	7 540	290	260
Year	150 720	183 390	98 240	104 330	2 630	3 220

Table 5 Destination of Saskatchewan Feeder Cattle Marketings, 1984-85

	total feeders		bulls		cows	
Destination	1985	1984	1985	1984	1985	1984
Saskatchewan	234 870	235 250	2 200	2 530	12 180	13 290
Exports	423 560	466 040	2 440	3 210	6 130	9 270
Alberta	150 200	199 010	1 880	2 900	4 400	6 690
Manitoba	22 340	25 620	240	240	1 090	1 630
Ontario	197 630	223 620	230	60	530	930
Other Prov.	10 740	11 660	-	-	-	-
U.S.A.	42 650	6 130	90	10	110	20
Total	658 430	701 290	4 640	5 740	18 310	22 560

	total steers		over 800 lbs.		600-800 lbs.		under 600 lbs.	
Destination	1985	1984	1985	1984	1985	1984	1985	1984
Saskatchewan	126 840	133 310	18 200	18 930	34 290	39 210	74 350	75 170
Exports	238 260	255 250	29 700	32 930	78 990	82 710	129 570	139 610
Alberta	81 140	104 170	19 550	23 980	33 340	47 050	28 250	33 140
Manitoba	12 720	15 980	1 960	2 350	4 430	4 960	6 330	8 670
Ontario	109 970	120 490	5 990	5 490	25 800	28 270	78 180	86 730
Other Prov.	9 970	10 900	1 380	850	4 350	2 010	4 240	8 040
U.S.A.	24 460	3 710	820	260	11 070	420	12 570	3 030
Total	365 100	388 560	47 900	51 860	113 280	121 920	203 920	214 780

	total heifers		over 700 lbs.		500-700 lbs.		under 500 lbs.	
Destination	1985	1984	1985	1984	1985	1984	1985	1984
Saskatchewan	93 650	86 120	16 430	12 640	36 460	34 140	40 760	39 340
Exports	176 730	198 310	31 440	32 720	82 840	85 320	62 450	80 270
Alberta	62 780	85 250	18 600	22 710	28 970	40 370	15 210	22 170
Manitoba	8 290	7 770	2 040	2 130	3 670	2 720	2 580	2 920
Ontario	86 900	102 140	8 780	7 800	39 720	40 990	38 400	53 350
Other Prov.	770	760	430	60	340	690	-	10
U.S.A.	17 990	2 390	1 590	20	10 140	550	6 260	1 820
Total	270 380	284 430	47 870	45 360	119 300	119 460	103 210	119 610

Table 7 Saskatchewan Feeder Cattle Marketings, Monthly, 1984-85

	total feeders		cows		bulls	
	1985	1984	1985	1984	1985	1984
January	70 080	48 730	2 300	1 780	240	340
February	44 710	47 030	960	1 150	190	250
March	58 910	61 130	440	860	430	310
April	57 540	65 650	660	620	690	800
May	32 490	33 500	780	880	390	690
June	18 760	21 460	990	720	470	730
July	17 280	25 220	490	800	430	420
August	17 140	26 670	450	550	310	430
September	40 800	55 880	560	1 580	230	370
October	134 480	156 530	2 230	4 060	460	570
November	125 050	122 580	5 310	6 350	530	670
December	41 190	36 910	3 140	3 210	270	160
Year	658 430	701 290	18 310	22 560	4 640	5 740

Table 8 Saskatchewan Feeder Steer Marketings, Monthly, 1984-85

	total steers		over 800 lbs.	
	1985	1984	1985	1984
January	38 800	25 860	3 440	3 050
February	24 020	26 770	2 620	2 960
March	32 830	32 940	3 140	4 380
April	28 950	35 990	2 330	4 190
May	17 210	17 730	2 940	3 280
June	9 120	10 730	2 950	3 460
July	8 340	13 610	2 670	3 790
August	10 260	14 690	3 700	4 750
September	24 410	33 790	9 590	8 920
October	78 070	89 680	8 150	7 460
November	70 790	67 170	4 230	3 700
December	22 300	19 600	2 140	1 920
Year	365 100	388 560	47 900	51 860

	600-800 lbs.		under 600 lbs.	
	1985	1984	1985	1984
January	13 160	10 030	22 200	12 780
February	9 630	13 770	11 770	10 040
March	16 630	15 920	13 060	12 640
April	12 960	18 770	13 660	13 030
May	7 410	8 940	6 860	5 510
June	3 790	4 620	2 380	2 650
July	3 040	7 190	2 630	2 630
August	4 430	7 070	2 130	2 870
September	9 130	12 670	5 690	12 200
October	14 090	11 860	55 830	70 360
November	13 610	8 140	52 950	55 330
December	5 400	2 940	14 760	14 740
Year	113 280	121 920	203 920	214 780

Table 9 Saskatchewan Feeder Heifer Marketings, Monthly, 1984-85

	total heifers		over 700 lbs.	
	1985	1984	1985	1984
January	28 740	20 750	3 500	3 310
February	19 540	18 860	2 170	2 660
March	25 210	27 020	3 200	3 930
April	27 240	28 240	3 380	3 290
May	14 110	14 200	3 150	2 700
June	8 180	9 280	3 080	3 210
July	8 020	10 390	3 120	4 660
August	6 120	11 000	2 260	4 240
September	15 600	20 140	7 600	4 860
October	53 720	62 220	8 860	6 530
November	48 420	48 390	5 120	3 960
December	15 480	13 940	2 430	2 010
Year	270 380	284 430	47 870	45 360

	500-700 lbs.		under 500 lbs.	
	1985	1984	1985	1984
January	14 950	10 950	10 290	6 490
February	11 400	10 280	5 970	5 920
March	15 740	16 850	6 270	6 240
April	16 380	18 740	7 480	6 210
May	8 110	9 350	2 850	2 150
June	4 030	4 910	1 070	1 160
July	3 650	4 790	1 250	940
August	2 650	5 280	1 210	1 480
September	4 650	7 600	3 350	7 680
October	14 370	14 440	30 490	41 250
November	16 930	11 820	26 370	32 610
December	6 440	4 450	6 610	7 480
Year	119 300	119 460	103 210	119 610

Table 10 Saskatchewan Cattle Marketings, 1976-85

	slaughter	feeders	
		total	exports
1985	421 980	658 430	423 560
1984	449 940	701 290	466 040
1983	402 890	665 270	420 080
1982	434 710	716 350	502 640
1981	340 630	706 160	486 280
1980	334 900	882 770	643 910
1979	308 570	801 930	536 810
1978	421 640	938 920	662 110
1977	561 890	943 110	658 920
1976	605 030	752 910	548 110

Table 11 Monthly Average Saskatchewan Beef Stabilization Board, 1,2 Steer Price, - 1982-85

	1985	1984	1983	1982
		dollars per cwt. railgrade		
January	142.73	136.59	119.37	115.24
February	137.28	136.48	122.91	119.84
March	139.29	138.18	126.20	123.06
April	138.62	141.79	137.05	136.97
May	137.32	140.96	136.48	148.31
June	130.72	131.91	130.27	143.58
July	120.56	134.08	122.27	133.42
August	117.52	129.68	121.28	127.46
September	123.22	128.89	118.82	126.35
October	135.80	130.79	122.90	123.57
November	141.42	139.37	123.32	124.10
December	142.28	144.33	129.56	118.55
Year	131.77	135.16	124.79	128.22

Table 12 Monthly Average Price for A1,2 Steers (1000 lbs. & over)-2005

	Northern Saskatchewan	Southern Saskatchewan	Edmonton	Winnipeg	Toronto
			$/cwt.		
January	77.33	77.25	77.49	80.63	89.04
February	75.25	72.50	74.09	78.13	86.99
March	76.35	75.25	75.44	79.08	86.01
April	77.06	75.75	74.72	78.55	83.24
May	76.31	77.25	74.19	77.40	82.77
June	73.90	74.30	73.88	76.10	81.07
July	67.50	72.50	66.32	71.30	76.31
August	66.75	65.13	65.85	69.29	72.30
September	68.85	68.52	66.83	70.84	73.16
October	76.94	75.50	74.79	75.79	78.89
November	77.94	81.00	76.90	81.21	82.04
December	77.63	79.00	74.93	81.38	86.27
1985	**74.32**	**72.96**	**72.79**	**76.34**	**81.63**
1984	76.32	75.86	74.96	77.67	85.30
1983	70.50	70.29	71.43	72.50	78.98
1982	73.27	73.00	71.59	75.17	80.54
1981	74.83	73.57	72.99	76.37	80.00
1980	74.28	74.71	74.54	76.06	80.74
1979	75.50	74.48	75.42	76.11	80.23
1978	56.54	56.54	56.42	58.01	62.07
1977	39.83	38.70	38.18	39.89	44.50
1976	38.09	38.41	37.25	39.25	41.89

Source: Agriculture Canada Livestock Market Review

Table 13 Average Price for 600-700 lb. Graded Feeder Steers, 1985

	Northern Saskatchewan	Southern Saskatchewan	Edmonton	Winnipeg	Toronto
			$/cwt.		
January	80.88	85.08	82.59	79.75	86.86
February	82.13	84.75	81.42	80.53	85.26
March	83.45	85.30	81.29	82.86	86.61
April	83.75	85.00	81.25	82.10	86.67
May	86.13	86.38	81.88	81.59	86.68
June	85.65	87.00	84.95	80.62	86.65
July	79.19	81.00	78.32	77.31	82.57
August	77.94	78.63	77.19	75.77	78.80
September	80.35	81.80	78.79	76.29	81.71
October	86.50	83.75	82.22	76.60	83.53
November	85.94	83.00	81.22	78.22	82.19
December	86.50	84.75	80.68	79.36	84.59
1985	**83.20**	**83.90**	**81.33**	**79.87**	**84.91**
1984	81.75	81.84	80.40	79.17	84.27
1983	79.24	78.96	78.44	76.65	82.08
1982	74.78	73.38	73.97	72.68	77.24
1981	77.32	78.42	76.41	74.50	78.64
1980	83.75	83.90	82.89	81.61	83.18
1979	99.05	103.65	100.29	93.02	95.36
1978	63.31	63.65	65.27	60.72	66.86
1977	38.09	38.15	38.92	38.16	43.31
1976	37.58	37.56	36.27	35.56	41.70

Source: Agriculture Canada Livestock Market Review

Table 14 Saskatchewan Cattle Prices, 1984-85

	Northern Saskatchewan		Southern Saskatchewan	
	1985	1984	1985	1984
	dollars per cwt.			
Slaughter Cattle				
Steers				
A1,2, 1000 lbs.+	74.32	76.32	72.96	75.86
A1,2, -1000 lbs.	64.80	73.02	71.75	73.07
A3,4	-	-	-	-
B & C	-	-	-	-
Heifers				
A1,2, 850 lbs.+	70.39	72.09	69.09	70.39
A1,2, -850 lbs.	67.65	68.67	-	67.79
A3,4	-	-	-	-
B & C	-	-	-	-
Cows				
D1,2	49.01	48.21	48.06	47.83
D3,5	45.44	44.05	43.33	42.92
D4	-	-	42.75	-
Bulls	60.15	59.12	60.52	58.75
Slaughter Cattle	**59.68**	**61.82**	**56.17**	**58.95**
Feeder Cattle				
Graded Steers				
>800 lbs.	78.22	76.48	77.82	76.63
700 - 800 lbs.	80.42	78.92	80.56	78.90
600 - 700 lbs.	83.20	81.75	83.90	81.84
Off Type Steers > 600 lbs.	68.80	62.56	68.57	67.03
Graded Heifers				
>700 lbs.	73.19	71.57	72.44	71.83
600 - 700 lbs.	74.85	73.24	75.67	73.81
500 - 600 lbs.	76.37	75.12	77.98	75.69
Off Type Heifers > 500 lbs.	64.95	62.28	65.36	62.55
Cows	45.98	44.83	49.24	50.19
Feeder Calves				
Graded Steers				
500 - 600 lbs.	85.29	84.39	87.41	85.48
400 - 500 lbs.	86.60	85.21	89.48	87.39
<400 lbs.	85.33	86.13	89.25	89.00
Off Type Steers < 600 lbs.	72.58	67.82	76.62	73.47
Graded Heifers				
400 - 500 lbs.	76.69	76.26	79.22	77.07
300 - 400 lbs.	77.13	75.87	78.69	77.52
<300 lbs.	-	-	-	-
Off Type Heifers < 500 lbs.	66.71	63.71	69.04	66.77
Feeder Cattle and Calves	**74.26**	**72.28**	**75.71**	**74.02**

Source: Agriculture Canada Livestock Market Review

Table 15 Cattle and Calves on Farms, 1980-86

July 1	1985	1984	1983	1982	1981	1980
			thousand head			
Canada						
total cattle	11 733.4	12 284.2	12 637.7	13 053.9	13 364.5	13 382
Saskatchewan						
total cattle	**2 080**	**2 234**	**2 275**	**2 350**	**2 401**	**2 415**
bulls	47	52	53	54	55	56.5
cows	858	915	935	972	1 031	1 067
beef	775	830	850	886	946	983
milk	83	85	85	86	85	84
heifers	240	267	268	281	265	273.5
beef	216	242	243	255	241	250
replacement	130	146	145	150	154	160
slaughter	86	96	98	105	87	90
dairy	24	25	25	26	24	23.5
steers	185	198	198	210	176	186
calves	750	802	821	833	874	832

January 1	1986	1985	1984	1983	1982	1981
			thousand head			
Canada						
total cattle	10 590.7	10 979.9	11 360.1	11 663.4	12 088	12 166
Saskatchewan						
total cattle	**1 745**	**1 800**	**1 917**	**1 925**	**2 035**	**1 970**
bulls	37	38	40	40	40	40
cows	837	869	914	926	1 004	1 015
beef	760	785	830	840	916	930
milk	77	84	84	86	88	85
heifers	171	178	183	183	185	186
beef	154	160	165	165	166.5	168
replacement	111	116	120	118	120	130
slaughter	43	44	45	47	46.5	38
dairy	17	18	18	18	18.5	18
steers	110	128	135	131	127	104
calves	590	587	645	645	679	625

Source: Statistics Canada

Average Saskatchewan Beef Stabilization Board A1,2 Steer Price